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**PETITION FOR REVIVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR PATENT ABANDONED
UNINTENTIONALLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(b)**

Docket Number (Optional)
NSO-001.01

#4

First named inventor: Wai Kat Liu

Application No.: 09/858,334

Art Unit: 2641

Filed: May 15, 2001

Examiner: Not yet assigned

Title: System and Methods for Accent Classification and Adaptation

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APPLICANT HEREBY PETITIONS FOR REVIVAL OF THIS APPLICATION

NOTE: A grantable petition requires the following items:

- (1) Petition fee;
- (2) Reply and/or issue fee;
- (3) Terminal disclaimer with disclaimer fee -- required for all utility and plant applications filed before June 8, 1995; and for all design applications; and
- (4) Statement that the entire delay was unintentional.

1. Petition fee

☒ Small entity - fee \$665.00 (37 CFR 1.17(m)). Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

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2. Reply and/or fee

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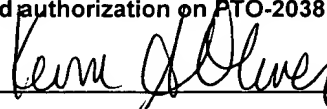
- ☒ Since this utility/plant application was filed on or after June 8, 1995, no terminal disclaimer is required.
- ☐ A terminal disclaimer (and disclaimer fee (37 CFR 1.20(d)) of \$_____ for a small entity or \$_____ for other than a small entity) disclaiming a period equivalent to the period of abandonment is enclosed herewith (see PTO/SB/63).

4. Statement. The entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the required reply until the filing of a grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional. [NOTE: The United States Patent and Trademark Office may require additional information if there is a question as to whether either the abandonment or the delay in filing a petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional (MPEP 711.03(c), subsections (III)(C) and (D))].

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Enclosures: ☒ Fee Payment

☒ Reply

☐ Terminal Disclaimer Form

☐ Additional sheets containing statements establishing unintentional delay

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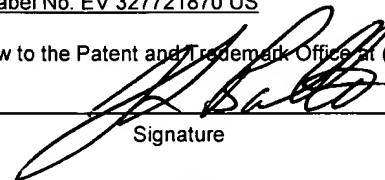
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In re Application of: Liu et al.

Serial No.: 09/858,334

Filed: May 15, 2001

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Group Art Unit: 2641

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

Attorney Docket No.: NSO-009.01

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PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a)

Dear Sir:

Applicants submit this Petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a) in reply to the Notice to File Missing Parts dated July 16, 2001. The Notice to File Missing Parts indicates that an executed declaration of inventors Wai Kat Liu and Pascale Fung is required to complete the filing of the application. Applicants have been unable to find or reach inventor Pascale Fung after diligent effort. Accordingly, Applicants submit this Petition to complete the filing of the application.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a) and § 1.17(h), Applicants provide a check to cover the \$130.00 fee for consideration of this petition.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a) and MPEP § 409.03(a), Applicants provide a declaration that is executed by inventor Wai Kat Liu with the signature block of non-signing inventor Pascale Fung left blank.

DECLARATION (37 CFR 1.63) FOR UTILITY OR DESIGN APPLICATION USING AN APPLICATION DATA SHEET (37 CFR 1.76)

As the below named inventor(s), I/we declare that:

This declaration is directed to:

- ☐ The attached application, or
- ☒ Application No. 09/858,334, filed on May 15, 2001,
- ☐ as amended on _____ (if applicable);

I/we believe that I/we am/are the original and first inventor(s) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought;

I/ we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified application, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above;

I/we acknowledge the duty to disclose to the United States Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me/us to be material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56, including material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the National or PCT International filing date of the continuation-in-part application, if applicable; and

All statements made herein of my/own knowledge are true, all statements made herein on information and belief are believed to be true, and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. 1001, and may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

FULL NAME OF INVENTOR(S)

Inventor one: Wai Kat Liu

Signature: 

Citizen of: Hong Kong

Inventor two: Pascale Fung

Signature: _____

Citizen of: Hong Kong

Inventor three: _____

Signature: _____

Citizen of: _____

Inventor four: _____

Signature: _____

Citizen of: _____

☐ Additional inventors are being named on _____ additional form(s) attached hereto.

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a) and MPEP § 409.03(a) and (d), Applicants state the following:

1. At the time the inventions of the present application were invented, inventor Fung was employed by Weniwen.com, Inc.

2. Applicants' Attorney obtained the last known address of inventor Fung from NuSuara Technologies Sdn. Bhd. (NuSuara), which entity is the successor-in-interest to Weniwen.com, Inc.

3. Applicants' Attorney sought to contact inventor Fung on June 20, 2003. On that date, Applicants' Attorney deposited with DHL Worldwide Express a package addressed to the last known address of inventor Fung. This package included a letter to inventor Fung and a declaration and an assignment for execution by inventor Fung. A copy of the June 20, 2003 letter to inventor Fung is attached as Exhibit A.

4. Applicants' Attorney did not receive any response from inventor Fung in reply to the June 20, 2003 letter.

5. Applicants' Attorney sought to contact inventor Fung on January 6, 2004. On that date, Applicants' Attorney deposited with DHL Worldwide Express another package addressed to the last known address of inventor Fung. This package also included a letter to inventor Fung and a declaration and an assignment for execution by inventor Fung. A copy of the January 6, 2004 letter to inventor Fung is attached as Exhibit B, and a copy of the DHL Shipment Air Waybill is attached as Exhibit C.

6. Applicants' Attorney did not receive any response from inventor Fung to the January 6, 2004 letter.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a) and MPEP § 409.03(a) and (e), Applicants state that the last known address of inventor Pascale Fung is:

Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering,
University of Science and Technology,
Clear Water Bay, Kowloon
Hong Kong.

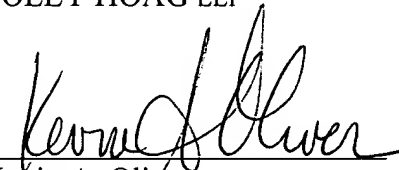
Based on the foregoing statements and the accompanying documents, Applicants request that the Commissioner grant this Petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a).

Applicants' Attorney considers this Petition to be complete. Should additional fees be required for consideration of the Petition, Applicants' Attorney requests that the additional fees be charged to **Deposit Account No. 06-1448, Reference NSO-009.01**. Further, Applicants' Attorney hereby authorizes the Commissioner to credit any overpayment to **Deposit Account Number 06-1448, Reference NSO-009.01**.

Should questions arise concerning this Petition, please contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,
FOLEY HOAG LLP

Date April 22, 2004


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EXHIBIT A

June 20, 2003

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Via DHL

Pascale Fung
Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering
University of Science and Technology
Clear Water Bay, Kowloon
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Re U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/758,034; 09/758,030; 09/858,334
"System and Method for Utterance Verification of Chinese Long and
Short Keywords"; "System and Method for Speech Processing with
Limited Training Data"; and "System and Methods for Accent
Classification and Adaptation"
Filed: January 9, 2001; January 9, 2001 and May 15, 2001
Our Ref. Nos.: NSO-001.01 (24793-101); NSO-002.01 (24793-201);
NSO-009.01 -24793-901)

Dear Mr. Fung:

We represent NuSuara Technologies Sdn. Bhd.

As you may know, NuSuara Technologies recently acquired the above-identified United States patent applications that were previously owned by your former employer, Weniwen, Inc. As you likely know, you are a named inventor on these applications, and should a patent issue, your name will appear as an inventor on the issued patent.

Accordingly to U.S. law, for the subject applications to proceed, two documents must be filed with the U.S. Patent Office. First, each inventor must sign a declaration in which the inventor declares not only his/her status as an inventor, but also recognizes the other named inventors. Second, the inventors must execute assignments in which the patent rights are assigned to the employer at the time the invention was invented, which in this instance, is Weniwen, Inc. Although this may appear to be somewhat strange due to the current status of Weniwen, Inc., please know that we must connect a chain of title between yourself as the inventor, and NuSuara Technologies. That chain of title begins

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Pascale Fung
June 20, 2003
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with your employment agreement and your obligation to assign your inventions to Weniwen, Inc.

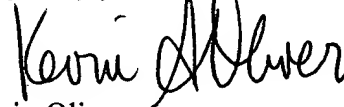
In accordance with the above, we enclose for your execution (1) Declarations of Inventorship, and, (2) Assignments to Weniwen, Inc. Please sign and date these documents where indicated by the "Sign Here" stickers.

Please also confirm that the listed country of citizenship is correct on the Declaration.

We also enclose for your convenience a return pre-paid DHL envelope. Please place the executed declarations and assignments in the return pre-paid envelope and send the same to us at your earliest convenience by providing the DHL envelope to a DHL office.

We appreciate your prompt attention to this issue. Should you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (617) 832-1241, or by email at koliver@foleyhoag.com.

Very truly yours,


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EXHIBIT B

January 6, 2004

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Via DHL

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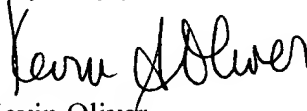
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